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SUBJECT: U.S. YOUNG LAWYERS REQUEST FOR NAMES OF POSSIBLE INVITEES

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1. AS REQUESTED, EMBASSY FORWARDS LIST OF 5 YOUNGER GAMBIAN LAWYERS WHO MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO YLD/ABA. THERE ARE NO MORE THAN TWO DOZEN LAWYERS CURRENTLY IN PRIVATE PRACTICE HERE. SEVERAL LAWYERS WORK FOR GOTG IN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS. FOLLOWING ARE ALL IN PRIVATE PRACTICE:

A) PAP CHE-YASIN SECKA, BUCKLE ST., BANJUL. AGE 36, SECKA IS ONLY U.S. TRAINED LAWYER HERE (AMERICAN UNIVERSITY CIRCA 1970). HE IS HIGHLY REGARDED DEFENSE ATTORNEY, WITH STRONG POLITICAL AMBITIONS. SECKA WAS UNSUCCESSFUL PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE IN 1977 GENERAL ELECTION, WHERE HE OPPOSED RULING PARTY.

B) MR. S.J.B. MAHONEY, 15 BUCKLE ST., BANJUL. AGE ABOUT 42, MAHONEY IS WELL-ESTABLISHED LAWYER FROM ONE OF BANJUL'S FIRST FAMILIES (HE IS BROTHER-IN-LAW OF SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, ANDRE COULBARY). HE IS UK TRAINED.

C) MR. S.B. SEMEGA-JANNEH (AGE ABOUT 38) AND MR. G.B. SEMEGA-JANNEH (AGE ABOUT 32), 15 HAGEN ST., BANJUL. SEMEGA-JANNEH BROTHERS ARE SONS OF GAMBIA HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON. S.B. IS PROMINENT DEFENSE ATTORNEY, RECENTLY JOINED BY YOUNGER BROTHER WHO SPENT SOME TIME IN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S

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CHAMBERS BEFORE PRIVATE PRACTICE. BOTH STUDIED LAW IN GREAT BRITAIN.

D) MR. BAI MADI JOOF, GAL NGONEH FAMBAT'S CHAMBERS, 5 WELLINGTON ST., BANJUL. JOOF, AGED ABOUT 40 AND PRESUMABLY UK TRAINED, IS NOT WELL KNOWN EMBASSY.

2. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, IN VIEW OF THE GAMBIA'S EXEMPLARY HUMAN

RIGHTS RECORD, VIRTUALLY UNIQUE IN AFRICA, SUGGEST YLD MIGHT
WANT TO EXPLORE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS WITH GAMBIAN LAWYERS.
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